Applicants: Roberto VALLI et al. Serial No:U.S. National Phase of PCT/EP2004/004139

REMARKS

By present amendment, claims 1-10 and 12 were amended to place them in U.S. format and to eliminate multiple dependencies. The amendments do not and are not intended to narrow the scope of the claims. The amendments were made solely to conform the claims to U.S. Practice, including eliminating multiple dependencies and using idiomatic English. After entry of this Amendment, claims 1-12 will be pending in the application, with claims 1 and 12 being independent.

CONCLUSION

Applicants state that in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein, the application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the present application is found by the Examiner not to be in condition for allowance, then the Applicants hereby request a telephone or personal interview to facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters. Applicants' attorney may be contacted by telephone at the number indicated below to schedule such an interview.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any additional fees incurred as a result of the filing hereof or credit any overpayment to our deposit account #19-0120.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberto VALLI et al. Applicants

Date: Ut, 18, 2005

sy: <u>-//-</u>

David M. Driscoll

Reg. No. 25,075

Applicants' Attorney

SALTER & MICHAELSON

321 South Main Street

Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Telephone: 401/421-3141 Facsimile: 401/861-1953

Customer No. 000987